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Mr. Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I write to request your support for minority and diversity participation and oversight in FCC's consideration of the merger between cable systems owned by Comcast and broadcast stations operated by NBC-Universal.

As my colleagues and I have already indicated in our letter (dated May 7, 2010, and May 13, 2010) the merger's impact will affect virtually every American, including the minority community. I am gravely concerned that the resulting ability of the merged company to control the infrastructure of delivery to homes will prevent minority participation in the telecommunications industry.

Thus I would like to strongly request the DOJ and the FCC to mandate minority participation in the order allowing the merger. There are companies that have the capacity to acquire a cable system that is located in a major market that has a significant Black/Hispanic/Latino population or an owned & operated broadcast station owned by NBC-Universal in one of the eleven major markets. These companies have expressed a willingness to participate subject to due diligence on any divestiture.

Please make certain that in their answers to your queries, NBC and Universal fully address these concerns for minority participation and provide adequate solutions. I would like to know what steps FCC plans to take in order to ensure diversity in the telecommunications industry.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Rangel
Member of Congress

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November 22, 2010

The Honorable Charles B. Rangel
U.S. House of Representatives
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Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Rangel:

Thank you for your follow-up letter regarding the Commission's review of the proposed joint venture between Comcast Corporation and the General Electric Company subsidiary, NBC Universal, Inc. (NBCU). I appreciate your interest in this important transaction. We will make your correspondence part of the record in the proceeding.

I agree that an important part of the Commission's analysis of the proposed Comcast-GE transaction is the careful evaluation of the effect that the proposed transaction may have on diversity and minority participation in the communications industry. As you may know, the applicants have proposed a number of public interest commitments that they indicate will promote diversity of ownership and programming content, as well as enhance opportunities for minority participation in the merged company. The Commission is looking closely at those voluntary commitments, as well as other valuable suggestions to foster increased diversity throughout the communications landscape.

The Commission staff currently is reviewing the extensive record compiled in the proceeding, including all petitions and comments received from the public. Please be assured that the issues discussed in your letter will be considered carefully as part of the Commission's independent review of the proposed Comcast-GE transaction.

I appreciate your interest in this important matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julius Genachowski", written over a horizontal line.

Julius Genachowski